GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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MAOIST ACTIVITIES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Maoists attacks on police stations in the affected States during the last three years, year-wise and State/ UT-wise;

(b) the loss of lives and property due to the attacks; and

(c) the steps being taken to contain the menace?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) to (c): State − wise details of attacks on Police, Civilians killed and Policemen killed are given in the Annexure.

The naxalites have been observed to be targeting certain types of Government buildings and infrastructure pertaining to road and rail communications and, in some cases in recent months, power transmission facilities. Action is being taken continuously by the State Governments to minimize such possibilities and to strengthen related security arrangements.

The Central Government is supplementing and coordinating the efforts and resources of the State Governments through a variety of measures, including deployment of 33 battalions of Central Para Military Forces that work under the command of the concerned State Governments, sanctioning of 29 India Reserve battalions, strengthening of the local Police and Intelligence agencies through the Scheme for Modernisation of State Police Forces, financial assistance through the Scheme of Security Related Expenditure, supplementing the training needs of State Police Forces, sharing of Intelligence and bringing about inter-State coordination.

However, law and order being a State subject under the scheme of the Constitution, responsibility for effective action lies with State Governments. In particular, they need to expeditiously fill up existing vacancies in their Police Forces, optimally utilize the above assistance for modernizing and equipping them and raise the India Reserve battalions sanctioned by the Central Government. The State Governments also need to simultaneously ensure effective implementation of a large number of schemes related to development to improve conditions in the affected areas.